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## PATENT APPLICATION

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**Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Roompliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance Infound, inter alia, in the specification where they are cited and in the English abstracts attached thereto. In addition, the concise explanation fo relevance for JP 8-319482 may be attached thereto. In addition, the concise explanation fo relevance for JP 8-319482 may be attached thereto.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application

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A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.



## **CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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